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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I have lived in a poorer urban neighborhood for 10 years that AT&T only provided minimal services to until the last couple of years. I had to source my services from an alternative supplier that was willing to invest in bringing fast internet and Direct TV to our street. Now that the economy is stronger, AT&T is trying to force out the competition and take that business over. We need to have choices not only between two large companies, but among smaller competitors that cater to the needs of smaller consumers. I have been eagerly awaiting the fiber connection that is coming to my neighborhood this winter because I am soon to be on a fixed income and cannot afford an increase in my monthly expenses that I will see with a big provider. Please keep access to the internet affordable for all through encouraging competition from local broadband suppliers who invest in our communities.

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